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Notice

I would like to use this opportunity to briefly thank all those involved in creating the ninth volume of *Biolinguistics*. It is quite clear that *Biolinguistics* already has undergone some changes. A major change was to move from the traditional issue-based volume to a single volume per year with continuous publication in 2013. I believe the move was necessary and welcome, from editor's and authors' perspectives alike, as pieces can now be published as they get accepted, revised, and copy-edited. However, it has also meant a drop in size, with 329 pages in volume 7 (2013) to 258 in volume 8 (2014), to the all-time low of 132 published pages in the current volume 9 (2015). One aspect is surely the increased workload for the editor with the move from two joint editors who shared publishing duties to a single editor; this is something I am working on. In fact, there will be some more changes to the journal, which I hope to be settled in early 2016 with the anniversary volume 10. The reshuffled and rejuvenated Task Team will play a pivotal role as will the slightly rearranged Editorial Board.

However, another aspect, I would like to believe, is the growth of the field of biolinguistics itself (see also my editorial from the beginning of the year, '*Biolinguistics* for *Biolinguistics*', pp. 1–7 of volume 9, 2015). There are now more output venues for biolinguistic research—and perhaps, one could argue, there is now more fierce competition getting accepted in *Biolinguistics*. The rejection rates seem to suggest so but it is also clear that the journal could do with more high-caliber submissions across all categories (articles, briefs, reviews, forum pieces).

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